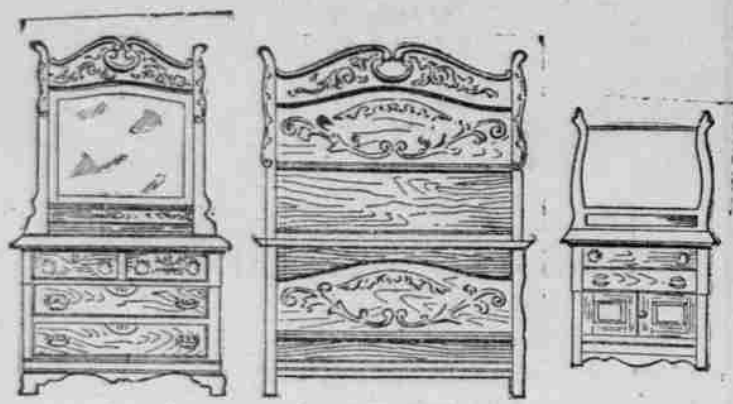


## HOUSE &amp; HERRMANN

Cash or Credit.



This magnificent solid Oak Chamber Suite, large-shaped French bevel plate mirror, this set, as you see, is of solid oak, carved and finished, and is an excellent \$50 value. We offer them as a holiday inducement at the remarkably low price of

\$37.50



Our assortment of Wardrobes is fully up to the minute in style and value. We show all grades and all sizes. The one represented above is solid oak, and portable, 3 feet 2 inches wide, 16 inches deep, and 6 feet 6 inches high, and the price is but—

\$7.50



Quartered Oak Double-door Book Case, paneled back, adjustable shelves, two good-sized drawers, and daintily carved. Is a regular \$25 value, and we offer while they last for

\$18.00



We have a splendid assortment of Music Cabinets, in oak and mahogany finish. These make useful and ornamental holiday gifts, and are priced very low in price. The cabinet represented above is full quartered oak, with twisted turned posts and corners, French bevel plate mirror, and a great bargain. Price only

\$18.00



This handsome China Cabinet, bent ends and handsomely ornamented, full polished finish, French legs and brass trimmings. This must not be confused with the cheap trash offered in other stores. We guarantee all our goods and stand behind them. Our price on above is

\$21.50

## Rockers! Rockers!

Hundreds upon hundreds of fancy Rockers, finished antique and modern oak, mahogany, birch, maple, etc., plain and inlaid with pearl, or lines and figures, spring, corded, upholstered, and in fact, any kind or style of rocker you want, you will find here. And the prices are away down. A quartered oak, corded seat, polished finish rocker for

\$1.89

## Fancy Parlor Tables.

You can gather some idea of the quality of this assortment when we tell you we have devoted nearly 2,000 square feet of floor room to the display of these tables. No question about its being the cream collection in town. They are in oak, birch, mahogany, and mahogany finish, with round, square, oval, and shaped tops, and prices start from

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Open Evenings Until Christmas.

## GRAND HOLIDAY SALE

OF BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL GIFTS

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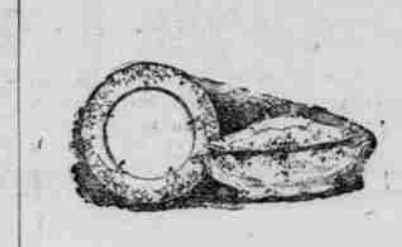
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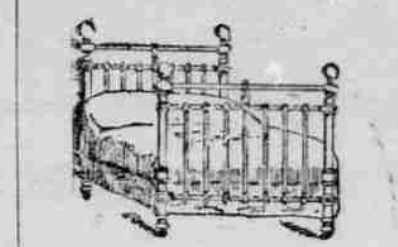
Our line of Dining Tables is complete, and you will certainly find something here to suit both your eye and your purse. We can sell you a full solid oak extension table, warranted first class in every particular, for as low as \$3.50. One similar to that shown above, for only

\$6.50



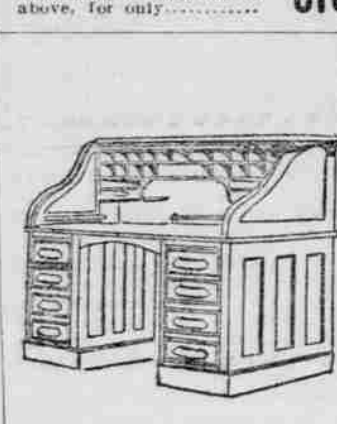
A full and complete line of American, English, and French China Dinner Sets. You've no idea what an elegant assortment we carry. The prices are low, and they are the lowest in town. A full 112-piece decorated Dinner Set for

\$8.75



We will sell just 200 of these elegant steel enameled beds with brass rails and spindles on head and foot board, and heavy brass posts on the pillars. This bed is regularly sold for \$8.25, and is cheap at that. We have the 200 in stock and ready for instant delivery. A rare chance for hotels and institutions. The price is

\$5.20



## Our Holiday Line of Carpet Sweepers,

We have an especially strong line of Roll-top Office Desks, and if you are contemplating the purchase of one or more, we know we can save you money. We sell a 50-inch desk with patent drawer-locking arrangement, and first-class drawers, for only

\$15.00



## Art Squares.

We can keep on showing you carpets, rugs, and art squares, where others are through. Our variety is so much the largest. It's one of the principal departments in our business, and we make it a point to carry all the newest patterns and colorings. WE MAKE THESE POINTS LEADERS, that our quality are absolutely the best, our prices unquestionably the lowest—and we MAKE LAY AND LINE THEM FREE.



## The above sideboard is a bargain of bargains, has large pattern French bevel plate, swelled front, and most elaborately carved and ornamented with lined silver, dower and cast brass trimmings, and while we have other oak bowls as low as \$7, we figure we are making you a remarkable offer when we make this \$45 board for

\$34.00

Corner Seventh and I Streets N. W.

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## HOUSE &amp; HERRMANN

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This beautiful solid Oak Parlor Desk, 29 inches wide, with quartered front and gold line French legs, has one brass trimmed and lastfully carved, especially to our order for the holiday trade, and is worth any other store \$8. Our price is

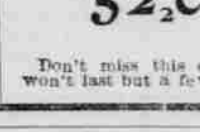
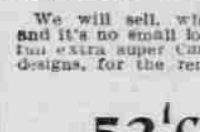
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arranged, with pigeon holes and drawers, and is certain to bring \$5 to whoever sells it. It is a fortune enough to secure one. The price has been reduced to

\$38.00

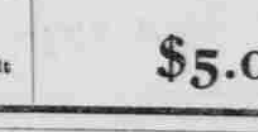
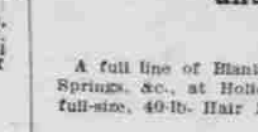
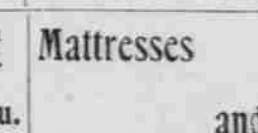
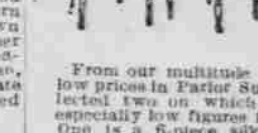


A large line of Clocks and Ornaments. We have the low-priced wood cases or the elaborate china, and we are sure to please you if you will look the line over. A large line of Rose Balls and Imported Glass Receptacles; also Vases and Bric-a-brac in great variety. Don't fail to see the line.

We have a most beautiful collection of low and medium priced Toilet Tables. In oak, mahogany, French bevel plate, and inlaid with pearl, and we assure you the prices are exceptionally low. We price you the pattern No. 1, shown above, either in oak or mahogany finish, French plate and polished top, for—

\$22.50

others as low as \$5.



Lamps, brass and onyx goods for gifts, worthy your closest attention, for no such big, handsome assortment is to be found elsewhere in Washington. We carry only such goods as we can warrant first class, and the price for the quality is the lowest in town.

From our multitude of patterns and low prices in Parlor Suites we have selected two on which we will place especially low figures for the holidays. One is a 6-piece silk tapestry finish frame—\$45 value, which we will sell for \$30. The other, which is shown above, is a 5-piece suite, covered in damask, and is in mahogany finish, and the price is

\$14.00

## Mattresses

A full line of Blankets, Comforters, Springs, etc., at Holiday Prices. A full-size, 40-lb. Hair Mattress for

\$5.00.

## A MYSTERY OF THE OCEAN

Wrecks of Two Big Ships Sighted by a Steamer.

Indications of a Collision and Possible Loss of Life—Report to the Maritime Exchange.

New York, Dec. 11.—Evidence of a possible collision far out at sea recently, in which two big sailing vessels and perhaps their crews of half a hundred men were sacrificed, were passed on Thursday last by the German passenger steamer H. M. Meier, which arrived this morning from Bremen. A report of the discovery was made to the maritime exchange by Capt. Stencken, the commander, this morning. According to the report, the Meier, on Thursday afternoon, passed the wreck of one sailing ship, and a short distance farther on fell in with a second derelict, the exact spot of which it was impossible to make out.

The first vessel was floating list awash, and neither her name nor her nationality could be learned.

The second craft was submerged and showed only certain pieces of wreckage. From the position of the two wrecks it is would appear that they had met in collision, and had then been separated by the shifting winds.

There was no trace of life about either vessel, and whether their crews had been lost or were picked up by some passing vessel is a matter of conjecture. The wrecks are directly in the path of the trans-Atlantic liners and are a serious menace to navigation.

## CALLED HIM BROTHER.

And Then a Glib Stranger Swindled Wilson Brewer Out of \$5.

A clever colored confidence man swindled poor old Wilson Brewer out of the major portion of his week's wages last night. Brewer is also colored, and has worked at Galt's feed store for nearly a score of years. Last night he received his week's pay—\$8—and started to go with it to his home, No. 19 McCullough street.

He had scarcely left his place of employment when a well-dressed colored man met him at First street and Indiana avenue and said, "Good evening, Wilson is a type of the polite, honest old darker, and whilst the other same greeting. The stranger seemed inclined to talk, and so the old man stopped, and a conversation was begun by the stranger saying:

"I call you brother, but I am a Baptist, but I don't know what religion you profess."

Brewer told him he was of the Methodist faith, but that "none but the purest heart enter the Kingdom," so it didn't make any difference.

Finally his new made friend suggested that they go across the street and have a drink. The old man did not refuse, saying he didn't mind, but the other insisted he, strongly that he at last yielded. They had two rounds of drinks, and they walked out into the street. The stranger bent down and picked up something which he claimed was a purse which contained \$50. Brewer did not see him drop it, neither did he see the fifty, but accepted in good faith all that the stranger said. He was to have \$15 of it, the stranger said, but in order to change it they must go to the Baltimore and Ohio depot.

The stranger went inside and immediately returned saying the ticket agent

wanted \$5 to make the proper change. But Brewer had none. He did, and suspecting nothing, readily gave the money to his chance acquaintance, who at once disappeared in the depot and has not been seen since.

The old man waited for a long time, then he searched for the stranger. Finally he awoke to the fact that he had been swindled, and went to police headquarters and reported his loss. As well as he could remember the man said his name was Morris. He gave a good description of the man, but there is little likelihood of his capture.

## LABOR LEADERS EN ROUTE.

Going to Nashville, Tenn., to Attend the Annual Convention.

Mr. Samuel Gompers and Mr. Frank Morrison, respectively, president and secretary of the American Federation of Labor, left the city yesterday for Nashville, Tenn., where the seventeenth annual convention of that organization will convene tomorrow morning. Mr. William Silver, who will represent the local Central Labor Union, has also gone to Nashville.

Probably the most interesting matter to the local members of organized labor and to the general public of Washington which will be considered will be the petition for suffrage for the residents of the District made by the Central Labor Union.

An effort will be made, it is understood, to remove the national headquarters from Washington to some Western city, but it is probable that the attempt will fail, as it is said a large majority of the delegates favor the National Capital as the proper place for headquarters.

The annual election of officers is also a subject for serious thought among the labor representatives from all points of the country. Mr. Gompers, the present incumbent, has been president of the American Federation several years and will again be re-elected. He will, however, it is reported, have opposition, as it is current rumor that Henry Weismann, president of Bakers and Confectioners' National Union; W. B. Prescott, of the International Typographical Union, and Mr. James O'Connell, grand master of the National Machinists, have announced their candidacy for the presidency.

## MELBA HAS ARRIVED.

Distinguished Prima Donna Came From Baltimore Yesterday.

Madame Melba arrived in the city last evening, and is at the Shoreham. The distinguished prima donna will appear here for the first time in two years, at the Lafayette Square Opera House, tomorrow evening, in "Traviata," which will open the season of the Dunroth-Elliott Company. As Violetta in Verdi's melodious opera, Madame Melba finds a most grateful part, which offers ample opportunity for the display of her beautiful voice and marvellous vocalization. It has been one of her greatest successes in London and in New York. She will have the support of a fine cast, including Mesdames Van Caution and Matford, and Messrs. Salgame, the French tenor; Campanari, Steinmann, Vivaldi, and others, with the complete orchestra, chorus, and ballet, all under the direction of Senior Dunroth. A great audience is assured, and the occasion promises to be a memorable musical event.

## Feminine Architecture.

(From the Chicago News.)

"Why," he exclaimed, "I thought you said the last time you had the dressmaker that you wouldn't need another gown for three months!"

"I know I did, dear," she replied, "but in going through my trunk today I found a piece of ribbon that will make a lovely sash and I haven't anything to go with it."

## IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

The action of District Assembly No. 60, Knights of Labor, requesting those assemblies which disagree with the "administration" on matters of fact to change their delegates to the central body, has been the talk of labor circles during the past week. While such a course of action was not wholly unexpected, by the conservative members of the order it is thought to be very injudicious just at this time, and there are fears entertained by some that it may tend to disrupt the order in the District.

This fear is entertained because it is believed that in the event of the assembly requested to change their representatives not complying, the next step to be taken would be to demand the withdrawal of the assemblies themselves. In fact, this much was intimated by a prominent member of the District Assembly not long ago. Those who have given the situation serious thought and considered all the circumstances which led to internal dissension do not anticipate that such radical measures will be resorted to.

As a matter of fact some of the members best posted on the laws and principles of the order question the right of a district assembly to request such a change, and the change of the personnel of the delegates sent by a local assembly to represent them in the central body. The District Assembly, it is claimed, has no power except that which is delegated to it by the representatives of the local assembly. In other words, it is given life by the local assemblies, through their delegates. These delegates are supposed to represent the sentiment of the assemblies to which they belong, and if they in fact do not, it is to them that the responsibility of the district assembly, to which they are responsible for their actions.

In other words, it is maintained that the district assembly is a creation and not a creator of the local assemblies.

It is very probable, however, that the difference between the assemblies will be referred to a referendum vote, and that the majority will be guided by the will of the majority.

It was hoped that the visit of the general secretary of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America to the city would have resulted in an amicable settlement of the troubles between the two local Brewery Workers' Unions, but in this every one interested was disappointed. In fact, it is thought the presence of the general secretary only tended to widen the breach between the two bodies. The democratic spirit of local government which predominates among the members was stronger than the influence from outsiders, and as a consequence the advice of the visiting general secretary was not heeded. It was reported that at the conference held with the two organizations of brewery workers the general secretary advised that the union consolidate under one charter. According to the old saying that "in union there is strength," this was, no doubt, excellent advice. If, however, the general secretary had been informed of the condition of affairs existing in local organized labor, he would have known that such a course of action would not be considered by any two organizations of the same trade or craft in the District.

The object and endeavor of the controlling spirits of the Central Labor Union since it was organized has been to form duplicate unions of every trade and craft is the District, which is not dissipated by Trades Union principles. This, together with the announcement made some time ago by the Knights of Labor that they, too, intended to organize all trades and crafts at present not affiliated with them, precludes the possibility of the amalgamation of organizations subservient to the influences of

these two factions of organized labor in the District.

The only difference between the two factions is that the Trades Unionists have organized several duplicate unions, while up to the present time the Knights of Labor have not.

The members of organized labor in the District are marshaling their forces to make a determined fight against what is known as the Sherman-Cullum anti-trust scalping bill. The fight against this alleged arbitrary legislation will be carried into every Congressional district in the United States, and if the objectionable measure should be enacted at the present session of Congress the labor leaders feel confident that they can so influence sentiment in the several Congressional districts as to accomplish its repeal at the next session. Several of the local organizations have adopted resolutions severely criticizing the bill for the following reasons:

First. It would add 10 to 20 per cent to the cost of travel to a laborer, because it is not done in cash, but only in the way of a receipt for the amount of discount given by ticket brokers.

Second. It would send to prison a citizen who might be so indiscreet as to sell a railroad ticket.

Third. No punishment is provided for the railroad official who fails to observe the same law.

Fourth. The provision in the bill for the reduction of tickets by railroad companies amounts to nothing, because it is not done in cash, but only in the way of a receipt for the amount of discount given by ticket brokers.

Fifth. The ticket broker pays the full amount of fare when excursion tickets are sold at one fare for the round trip there would be no profit for the ticket broker.

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Seventh. The ticket broker would pay in cash half the round trip rate for the return ticket. This would prevent laboring as well as traveling men from securing reduced rates of fare when excursion tickets are on sale.

Eighth. If railroad rates are made by passenger pools, and from which the ticket broker is the only avenue of escape. Some desire to destroy the business so that the pool prices can be fully maintained.

Ninth. Other lines of business are obliged to compete and sell at market value, the railroad companies are asked to destroy the business by their own action.

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The troubles between the Trades Unionist and Knights of Labor Bakers and Joiners seem to have died out, as the two factions are not at present in a warlike attitude toward each other. The trouble was the outcome of the organizing of a duplicate union of Bakers' Drivers by the Trades Unionists. The history of local labor proves that whenever a duplicate organization of any craft is formed it causes trouble more or less damaging to union labor in general. The numerical strength of such newly organized body regulates the seriousness of the trouble.

Assisted by the friends of suffrage for the residents of the District, organized labor opened the winter campaign for enfranchisement with a mass meeting last Tuesday evening at Hayden's Hall. The suffragists turned out in great numbers, and are enthusiastic over the success of the undertaking in the near future. The present system of government in the District was denounced as undemocratic and un-American, and will not be tolerated much longer by a free people.

## Bill for Protecting Game.

The Committee of the District yesterday sent to Senator McMillan a further amendment to Senate bill 1488, which relates to the preservation of game and the prevention of its sale during certain closed seasons.

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What makes Hess' patent leather footwear so superior is that it's fashioned from especially selected patent calf—made exclusively for Hess by Cornelius Heyl. Service and style are thus happily combined. The best that money can buy—and but \$5 and \$6 a pair.

For those who are in search of gift slippers, different from the ordinary sort, we are showing a line of high-grade Kid slippers at \$2—and more in tourist and toilet styles. They make gifts that you will have ample reason to be proud of.

N. Hess' Sons, 931 Pa. Ave.

## WOMEN AS JOCKEYS.

Opening Up of a New Profession for the Sex.

(From the Louisville Courier-Journal.)

Is the work of the jockey to be one of the new vocations for women?

There is some talk of a Devonshire lass who recently disguised herself as a boy and served successfully as a jockey for six months in the state of a British baron, who, on discovering her sex, discharged her, notwithstanding her good riding and her citation of the precedent of the girlhood days of Queen Elizabeth.

We are told that the baron has now realized his mistake in discharging her, though we are not told that he has taken her back in his employ. He is even reported as saying that women jockeys would revolutionize the turf, to its advantage.

The American woman also seems to have designs upon the jockey and breeches of the jockey. A Los Angeles correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald relates this instance:

"During the short season of horse racing recently held in this city, habits of the track let slip the possibility of a rare sensation. Had it not been for a senseless rule of the Agricultural Association, under the auspices of which the turf meeting

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\$5.95 Fancy Silk and Satin Skirts, only—\$2.98  
\$1.48 Flannellette Broadcloth Wrappers, extra wide skirts—69c  
49c Corsets—29c  
98c R. & G. Corsets—69c  
75c Corset, best quality—49c  
\$2.45 Infants' Cashmere Long Coats—\$1.48  
50c Infants' Flannel Lined and Embroidered Caps—24c

49c All-wool French Cashmere, new shades—1.90  
25c All-wool Broadcloth Dress Goods—12 1/2c  
49c Black Brilliant Dress goods, extra wide, (36 inch)—2.40

Max Kohner, 730 7th St. N.W.

was held, a woman would have tried her fortune as a jockey for the first time in America.

"The master was hushed at the suggestion. The young woman who had planned to original a career for herself was turned away disappointed. With an indignant wave of the hand directed at a conventional association refused to permit her to ride to certain victory. It was too rare for new departures. A woman clad in riding breeches and the spurs of a jockey might be deemed undignified. She might lose her head and her nerve at the critical time. She might not be able to exercise over her mount the sense of power and control necessary. What a wealth of insight for one of matters. The Baron of Devonshire said that the only man who made the best jockeys were women. Why not? And he reasoned from what he knew about horses. "This young candidate for turf honors, a slender slip of a bright-eyed girl, used to wander about the paddock and the stable continuously. She was mountaineered, and she bailed from the Antelope Valley. She had been born in the saddle. She knew the whims and moods of horses. She could converse close to their alert ears in their own language. A chestnut filly, a dainty two-year-old, was her protégé. The young mare would rub her pretty nose across the shoulder of the mountaineer, girl and whinny in plaintive, playful delight. The animal loved the woman. She repaided to the woman's back and call with a peculiar schism and a rapt devotion. And the filly found in the almost sentimental love of the woman a strong tie by means of which the powers of both could have teamed for an atmosphere, no more inspiring. Such were the circumstances.

"I don't know why they did not let her ride," Remnessy, the noted jockey, asked.

Some Use for It.

(From the Chicago News.)

Would-be Contributor—I have a poem that I would like to read to you. (Reads it.) What would you advise me to do with it?

Editor—Get Corbett to read it. By Fitzsimmons. He claims that he wants to make the letter fight again.

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